

Regular Council Meeting
August 8, 2016
7:00 PM

The Regular monthly meeting of Shamokin City Council was held this evening with Mayor William Milbrand presiding.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: All

PRAYER: Silent

ROLL CALL: Moyer, Verano, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Absent: None

A Motion by Verano to approve previous Council Meeting Minutes of
July 12, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting)

Second by: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

BILL LIST:

MOTION BY: Brown to approve the bill list for July 2016.

Second by: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

VISITORS:

Bernice 905 E. Chestnut Street, Shamokin - The home on the corner of her block is falling down and has rats. Rick has been after this guy for four years and has filed about 30 citations on this guy. He pays all fines and citations and we are not sure what else we can do. The only recourse we have is to cite him. We are hoping once we adopt the new Ordinance we will be able to hold the Landlords more responsible.

Richard Fowler from Shamokin Crime Watch is here to thank the Mayor and the City of Shamokin for the Help at National Night Out.

Christine Feese 819 E. Clay Street Shamokin - The neighbors got their sewer line fixed but they did not clean up the rest of their yard. They have all the sewer junk in totes in the backyard. Rick will go up tomorrow and take a look at the property. There is also an abandoned car up by her property. The Mayor will send the police up to it taken care of. Ms. Feese stated that there was a police tow on the car but someone ripped it off.

Roseanne Pennypacker 207 S Shamokin Street, Shamokin – Stated there is high grass and weeds and corn growing into her lot. There is an empty pool. The Lady that owns the house is in jail. There is a poison tree growing out back. There is a fire lane there. All the houses around her have dogs and she cannot even sit out back due to the smell. Rick and Charlie Verano will go down there tomorrow and look at the property. Mayor Milbrand stated that we have absentee landlords and that is part of the issue. He has some phone calls into some people about limiting the amount of HUD funding that comes to this town. Mayor stated he feels bad for the people that need HUD and use it the correct way, but these neighborhoods are getting out of control. The Slum lords are getting out of control. The Mayor brought this up at the blight meeting; he is tired of people just walking away from their properties.

Tim Vincent – Was wondering if we have looked into low interest loans to help people fix up their houses, Allentown did something like this. He also asked if we looked at Habitat for Humanity about coming to our area. Tim works with Judge Gembic and does community service. They have cleaned up 19 properties and have 5 or 6 more that they are working on. He is looking for more help; he also asked if he has council's permission to paint the tank. Council asked him to speak to Dan after the meeting.

Mary Glazik 204 S Shamokin Street, Shamokin - There is a truck that is sitting out by her house for six weeks. There is glass all over the street by this truck. We need to do a sting on abandoned vehicles in the area.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

ACCOUNTS & FINANCE:

General Fund \$ 399,505.83
Motor License \$ 171,719.74
Library \$ 17,494.96
Debt Service \$ 221,338.54
Recreation \$ 209,687.04
FEMA \$ 926,152.80
Capital Projects \$ 2,428.41
Street Lights \$ 1,188.51
Total All Accounts \$ 1,949,515.83

Fund balances as of August 1, 2016 submitted by Brenda Scandle, City Treasurer.

PARKS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS: The Pool made \$43,000 so far this year, which is \$6,000-8,000 more than last year. We have a patron that would like to donate \$10,000.00. The spring concert went very well. We are working on getting some cameras for Claude Kehler Park. Tim Vincent wants to paint the tank. McGaw has wood donated to the city to fix park benches.

STREET & PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS: Contacted Aqua about Dewart Street. Penndot is taking all amosite so Aqua is running behind. Bunker Hill residents need to be patient about getting the holes filled. In two to three weeks they should be finished.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Brown read the Code office report for the month of July which the office revenue collected was \$5,404.00 with total calls of 49.

Police Department reported 1246 calls for the month of July

Fire Department had 144 calls for the month of July. All apparatus in working condition.

CORRESPONDENCE:

FROM: Little Shamokin Indians

MOTION BY: Verano to allow the Little Shamokin Indians to hold its annual Car Wash on August 20, 2016 from 9am-12 at Claude Kehler Park.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Regionalization Study

MOTION BY: Verano to approve our continuing participation in the study for the possible consolidation of the Shamokin and Coal Township Police Departments.

SECOND BY: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

SCTJSA

MOTION BY: Verano to approve a request letter of support for Grant Funding, from The Shamokin City Council to be sent to Local Government agencies.

SECOND BY: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

Strategic Planning/Goal Setting RFP

MOTION BY: Verano to advertise for a Strategic Planning/Goal Setting RFP

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

Police Parking Enforcement Officer

MOTION BY: Verano to hire John J. Brown IV for Part-Time Parking Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$8.50 per hour not to exceed 28 hours per week per officer.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Milbrand
Nays: None
Abstain: Brown

MOTION BY: Verano to hire Richard Yanishak for Part-Time Parking Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$8.50 per hour not to exceed 28 hours per week per officer.

SECOND BY: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

Fire Chief

MOTION BY: Brown to appoint Kenneth Pilkus as the next City Fire Chief effective January 2017 per the recommendation of the Shamokin City Fire Bureau.

SECOND BY: Verano

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

ACT 47 Checking Account

MOTION BY: Brown to close the ACT 47 Checking Account, per the City Administrators recommendation, since all the funds have been depleted

SECOND BY: Moyer

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

SOLICITORS REPORT:

Executive Session was held on Monday August 1, 2016 for Police Contract Matters. Approx time 1.5 hours.

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the 1st Reading of Ordinance 16-03

Second by: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to accept the 1st Reading of Ordinance 16-04

Second by: McGaw

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

MOTION BY: Verano to adopt Resolution 16-08

Second by: Brown

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Verano, Moyer, McGaw, Brown, Milbrand
Nays: None

ADJORN:

Minutes taken by Doreen Annis, Administrative Accountant
Meeting ended at 8:15 PM